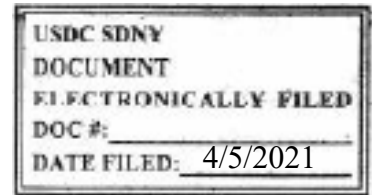


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



United States of America,

—v—

Sheng-Wen Cheng,

Defendant.

20-mj-8698 (AJN)

ORDER

ALISON J. NATHAN, District Judge:

An arraignment and change-of-plea hearing in this matter is set for April 20, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. The Court will request a videoconference proceeding for that time and inform the parties once the time of the proceeding is confirmed. The parties should inform the Court if they have any issues with that date or time. If the Defendant wishes to waive his right to physical presence at the proceeding, defense counsel should return the attached waiver of physical presence. Defense counsel may sign for the Defendant if authorized by the Defendant to do so.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 5, 2021  
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alison J. Nathan".

ALISON J. NATHAN  
United States District Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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**WAIVER OF RIGHT TO BE PRESENT AT  
CRIMINAL PROCEEDING**

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Defendant.

( )-cr-( ) (AJN)

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**Check Proceeding that Applies**

\_\_\_\_\_ Arraignment

I have been given a copy of the indictment containing the charges against me and have reviewed it with my attorney. I understand that I have a right to appear before a judge in a courtroom in the Southern District of New York to confirm that I have received and reviewed the indictment; to have the indictment read aloud to me if I wish; to enter a plea of either guilty or not guilty before the judge; and to have an attorney beside me as I do. By signing this document, I wish to advise the court that after consultation with my attorney I willingly give up my right to appear in person before the judge for my arraignment. By signing this document, I also wish to advise the court that I willingly give up any right I might have to have my attorney next to me for my arraignment so long as the following conditions are met. I want my attorney to be able to participate in the proceeding and to be able to speak on my behalf during the proceeding. I also want the ability to speak privately with my attorney at any time during the proceeding if I wish to do so.

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Defendant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Conference

I have been charged in an indictment with violations of federal law. I understand that I have a right to be present at all conferences concerning this indictment that are held by a judge in the Southern District of New York, unless the conference involves only a question of law. I understand that at these conferences the judge may, among other things, 1) set a schedule for the case including the date at which the trial will be held, and 2) determine whether, under the Speedy Trial Act, certain periods of time should be properly excluded in setting the time by which the trial must occur. I have discussed these issues with my attorney and wish to give up my right to be present at the conferences. By signing this document, I wish to advise the court that I willingly give up my right to be present at the conferences in my case for the period of time in which access to the courthouse has been restricted on account of the COVID-19 pandemic. I request that my attorney be permitted to represent my interests at the proceedings even though I will not be present.

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Defendant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Change of Plea

I am aware that I have been charged with violations of federal law. I have consulted with my attorney about those charges. I have decided that I wish to enter a plea of guilty to certain charges. I understand I have a right to appear before a judge in a courtroom in the Southern District of New York to enter my plea of guilty and to have my attorney beside me as I do. I am also aware that the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic has interfered with travel and restricted access to the federal courthouse. I have discussed these issues with my attorney. By signing this document, I wish to advise the court that I willingly give up my right to appear in person before the judge to enter a plea of guilty. By signing this document, I also wish to advise the court that I willingly give up any right I might have to have my attorney next to me as I enter my plea so long as the following conditions are met. I want my attorney to be able to participate in the proceeding and to be able to speak on my behalf during the proceeding. I also want the ability to speak privately with my attorney at any time during the proceeding if I wish to do so.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Defendant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

I hereby affirm that I am aware of my obligation to discuss with my client the charges contained in the indictment, my client's rights to attend and participate in the criminal proceedings encompassed by this waiver, and this waiver form. I affirm that my client knowingly and voluntarily consents to the proceedings being held in my client's absence. I will inform my client of what transpires at the proceedings and provide my client with a copy of the transcript of the proceedings, if requested.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Defense Counsel

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

**Addendum for a defendant who requires services of an interpreter:**

I used the services of an interpreter to discuss these issues with the defendant. The interpreter also translated this document, in its entirety, to the defendant before the defendant signed it. The interpreter's name is:

\_\_\_\_\_.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Defense Counsel

**Accepted:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Judge  
Date: